



*The Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force is the voice of the community on issues related to the quality and responsiveness of mental health and substance abuse disorder services.*

**Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force 2017 Forum**  
***Building Bridges Toward Authentic Inclusion***  
***Structural Racism & Implicit Bias, Microaggression: Meaning and Next Steps***  
***Presentation of the Karen Avery Award***  
**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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**Registration, refreshments, networking (12 – 12:30 PM)**

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**Welcome, Mary Neubauer, CPS, and Kelly Davis, PhD , MMHTF Co-chairs (12:30 12:45)**

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**BUILDING BRIDGES TOWARDS AUTHENTIC INCLUSION (12:45 – 2:15)**

**Martha Barry, PhD** Racial Justice Director YWCA Southeast Wisconsin

**Jamaal E. Smith, MPA** Racial Justice Community Engagement Manager, YWCA Southeast Wisconsin

- Introduced by **Terri Elzey**, MS, MA, CSAC, LPC-it, Co-chair MMHTF Diversity Committee

**Moderated Q and A with questions from notecards (2:15 – 2:30)**

- *Please submit questions for Dr. Barry and Mr. Smith on notecards.*
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**PRESENTATION OF 2017 KAREN AVERY AWARD TO SHEL GROSS (2:30 – 3:00)**

Opening Comments by **Mary Neubauer**, MMHTF Co-chair

Award Presented by **Furman Avery**

Remarks by **Shel Gross**, recipient of the 2017 Karen Avery Award

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**UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF HISTORICAL TRAUMA ON HEALTH (3:00 – 4:30)**

**Patricia Taylor McManus, PhD, RN, GCNPM** Co-Founder & President, Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin

- Introduced by **Terri Elzey**, MS, MA, CSAC, LPC-it, Co-chair MMHTF Diversity Committee

**Moderated Q and A with questions from notecards (4:30 – 4:45)**

*Please submit questions for Dr. McManus on notecards.*

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**Closing Remarks and Call to Action (4:45 – 5:00)**

Brenda Wesley, MMHTF Diversity Committee

- Actions / Commitments you will make
  - Turn in your completed evaluation.
  - Sign up for the MMHTF email list and/or become a MMHTF member
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## Speaker Biographies

**Martha Barry, PhD** is the Racial Justice Director for YWCA Southeast Wisconsin. Her work includes providing community education on eliminating racism through the six-part series Unlearning Racism: Tools for Action. Over 700 individuals from nonprofits, businesses, faith groups and government agencies have attended the course over the past eight years. Dr. Barry has adapted the series for a variety of organizations including: Wheaton Franciscan (now Ascension), Medical College of Wisconsin, Northwestern Mutual, Center for Self Sufficiency, Waukesha Women's Center, Community Advocates, UW Extension, Milwaukee Health Department, Neighborhood Leadership Initiative, TRIUMPH UW-Madison Medical Students, Municipal Court staff, and Milwaukee Public Schools. Dr. Barry also presents on implicit bias, Microaggressions and white privilege in addition to overseeing Everytown Wisconsin, a social justice leadership program for teen girls ages 14-18. She is dedicated to building knowledge and capacity in individuals, organizations and communities to create racial equity.

**Jamaal E. Smith, MPA** is a proud native of Milwaukee, WI, was recently hired as the Racial Justice Community Engagement Manager for YWCA Southeast Wisconsin, an organization whose mission is to fight against racial and gender discrimination. Jamaal was raised in what has been deemed the worst zip code in America, 53206. Jamaal's strength, resiliency, and support shown by his family and community helped groom him into an advocate for supporting equitable opportunities for all. Jamaal, a teacher at a local high school has witness the issues of educational injustices for students of color; Jamaal decided it was time to become a voice that spoke for them and put these issues into action. Jamaal is the Education chair of the NAACP – Milwaukee Branch under the leadership of President Fred Royal. He has worked with organizations and collaborations with Urban Underground, MTEA, Schools and Communities United, Youth Justice Milwaukee, Journey 4 Justice in Chicago and Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance for Black School Educators. Jamaal's dedication has afforded him to push for more teachers of color, culturally responsive instruction, and an increase in school community engagement.

**Patricia Taylor McManus, PhD, RN, GCNMP** is Co-Founder and President of the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin (BHCW), Clinical Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Department of Pediatrics, and is on the Community Advisory Board for MATC School of Nursing. Dr. McManus has a diploma, BSN, and MS in Nursing. Her strong commitment to health advocacy and the improvement of urban health, lead her to obtain a doctorate in Urban Studies, with a special emphasis on health care systems in 1993. Dr. McManus has co-authored articles on the impact of health disparities in African American communities, HIV/AIDS, and infant mortality. For ten years she worked with parents who have children in out of home placement. She is currently on the National Board of the National Black Nurses Association. As President of the BHCW, Dr. McManus is actively involved in health care and human services issues at the local, state and national levels. She has consulted both locally and nationally on health issues related to cultural competence and systems change.

***The Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force  
thanks everyone who made today's forum possible:***

- Thank you to our speakers for sharing their experience and wisdom.
- Thank you to our supporting organizations for their generous support:
  - Molina Healthcare of Wisconsin
  - United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County
  - Whole Health Clinical Group
  - Disability Rights Wisconsin
  - Aurora Family Service / Family Therapy Training Institute
  - Mental Health America of Wisconsin
  - Milwaukee County Housing Division
  - Tarot Tree Knowledge Tree
- Thank you to the leadership of our Diversity Committee: Co-chair Terri Ellzey, Brenda Wesley, Dr. Patricia McManus, and Martina Gollin-Graves.
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- Thank you to all who helped with forum planning and preparing materials. Special thanks to Elise Cassidente for her key role in the preparation.
- Thanks to all of our 2017 – 2018 Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force Supporting members. Membership support is vital to the continuing work of the Task Force – there is still time to submit your membership!
- Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the Forum, both today and throughout the planning process!
- Thank you to our participants for taking back today's forum to our community.
- Thank you to Karen Avery for continuing to be a force for positive change

## **Thank You Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force 2017-18 Supporting Members**

The Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force is proud to celebrate our thirteenth year of education, advocacy and collaboration. The annual membership contributions of our supporting members are vital to our ability to continue this important collaborative work to advance the quality and responsiveness of mental health and substance use disorder services. There is still time to submit your membership contribution for 2017 – 2018. Complete the enclosed membership form or go to <http://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/>.

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